

**Remarks/Arguments**

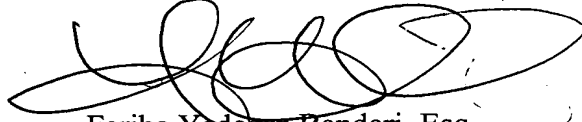
The Examiner is thanked for the careful review of this Application. Claims 1-16 and 18-27 are pending after entry of the present Amendment. Claim 17 has been cancelled and claims 9, 18, 25-27 have been amended to correct minor typographical error. Amendments do not introduce new matter.

**Indication of Allowability:**

Applicant acknowledges the Allowability of subject matter in claims 1-16 and 18-27.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims 1-16 and 18-27 are allowed. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present Amendment, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at (408) 774-6913. If any additional fees are due in connection with filing this Amendment, the Commissioner is also authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. LAM2P232A). A duplicate copy of the transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,  
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